

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 32-38 have been cancelled by this amendment. Therefore, claims 9-31 are at issue.

In response to the Office Action, applicant hereby elects the invention represented by the claims of examiner's Group II, namely claims 9-31, inclusive, for examination on the merits at this time.

Applicant also has cancelled claims 1-8 (examiner's Group I) and claims 32-38 (examiner's Group III), without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

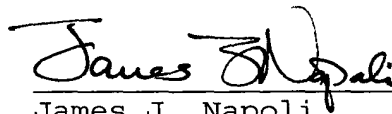
In addition, applicant has amended claims 10-31 to improve the form of the claims. These amendments add no new matter.

It is submitted that the claims are in a form for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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